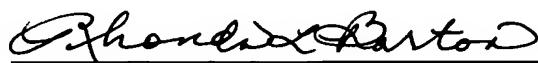


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| FORM PTO-1390 (REV 5-93) | | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 021712-00011 |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | DATE: January 18, 2005 | |
| | | U.S. APPLN. NO. (IF KNOWN; SEE 37 C.F.R. 1.52) | |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/ES2003/000358 | | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE July 14, 2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED July 16, 2002 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: BRUSH COMPRISING A HANDLE AND A BRISTLE-BEARING HEAD | | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Carmen ZOTTI (Sirtori, Italy) | | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The U.S. has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)] <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application into English [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)] <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]. 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)]. 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)]. | | | |
| Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included: | | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98; and PTO-1449 Form. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Drawings Figs. 1 - 16 (5 sheets); PCT Request Form (PCT/RO/101); Copy of first two pages of International Publication No. WO 2004/008909 A1; International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210); International Preliminary Report (PCT/IPEA/409) | | | |

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| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: | | | | CALCULATIONS | PTO USE ONLY |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic National Fee | | | \$ 300.00 | \$ 300.00 | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee | | | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee | | | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS | | \$1000.00 | | \$ 1000.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. | | | | | |
| Total Sheets | Extra Sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) | | Rate | |
| - 100 = | /50 = | | | x \$250.00 | \$ |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)]. | | | | \$ | |
| Claims | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate | | |
| Total Claims | 20 - 20 = | 0 | x \$ 50.00 | \$ 0 | |
| Independent Claims | 0 - 3 = | 0 | x \$200.00 | \$ 0 | |
| Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable) | | + \$360.00 | | \$ 0 | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | \$ 1000.00 | | | |
| Reduction by one-half for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). | | | | \$ | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | \$ 1000.00 | | | |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later the <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 C.F.R. 1.492(f)]. + | | | | \$ | |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | \$ 1000.00 | | | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)]. The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + | | | | \$ | |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | | \$ 1000.00 | | | |
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| | | | | Charged | \$ 1000.00 |
| <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2300 in the amount of \$ 1,000.00 to cover the above fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Atty. Docket No. 021712-00011.</p> | | | | | |
| <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p> | | | | | |
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